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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN, JANUARY 20, 1978

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/J - NICHOLAS PLATT

1. FURTHER JAPANESE APPROACH RE KIM JAE KWON

A JAPANESE EMBASSY STAFFER CALLED AT EA/J ON THURSDAY TO REQUEST FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING THE WHEREABOUTS OF KIM JAE KWON (FORMER MINISTER AT THE ROK EMBASSY IN TOKYO) AND WHETHER KIM WILL AGREE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY JAPANESE OFFICIALS REGARDING THE KIM TAE CHUNG KIDNAPPING CASE. SPECIFICALLY, THE JAPANESE ARE ASKING US TO DETER-
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MINE WHETHER KIM JAE KWON AND HIS FAMILY HAVE RETURNED TO SEOUL AS HAS BEEN ALLEGED IN SOME NEWS REPORTS IN JAPAN AND, IF SO, WHEN HE LEFT THE US AND WHETHER HE PLANS TO RETURN HERE. IF KIM IS STILL IN THE US, THEY ASK THAT WE AGAIN CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY, AS WE DID LAST AUGUST THROUGH THE FBI, TO DETERMINE IF HE IS WILLING TO MEET WITH JAPAN-
ESE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE KIM TAE CHUNG KIDNAPPING. WE

ARE CONSULTING WITH EA/K AND L/EA TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF
ANYTHING, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IN RESPONSE TO THE JAPAN-
ESE APPROACH. CHRISTOPHER

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